

Am I Considered an Aviator or a Warfighter?

IAW AFI 48-123 (Medical Examination and Standards, chapter 12) Aviation Program Management is required for personnel identified as Aviation and Aviation Related Special Duty (AASD -Trained AASD and Applicants to AASD). Trained AASD personnel are identified by a combination of Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC – used to defined AF career) and Aviation Service Code (ASC – used for finance authorizations). Applicant to AASD careers are managed, after training selection, in accordance with their anticipated AFSC/ASC. Warfighter Program Management is required for other AF personnel not specifically identified for the Aviation Program Management.

In general, AASD personnel are AF personnel assigned to perform their primary career duty in-flight, including career aircrew who are temporarily assigned to non-flight duties, such as staff or educational duties, while remaining qualified to return to flight duty. AASD and other specifically identified personnel are granted Priority I treatment access. Permanently disqualified aircrew and/or former aviators who have cross-trained from aviation career duties will be managed under Warfighter Program Management and Priority. Non-aviation personnel (parachutists, operational support, flight test engineers, etc) assigned to perform in-flight duties will be managed under Warfighter Program Management, but will be prioritized as Priority I as long as they remain qualified for their specific aviation-related duties. Non-aviation personnel whose aviation-related duties are terminated or suspended will be managed IAW Warfighter Program Management guidance.

All AF personnel not specifically identified by both career status (AFSC) and identified aircrew duties (ASC) for AASD management are to be managed in accordance to Warfighter Program Management guidelines.

USAF Refractive Surgery Prioritization Categories

One of the goals of the USAF-RS program is to ensure RS treatment is prioritized in accordance with AF mission support. Prioritization categories are based on specific Management Groups and duty requirements. AF members seeking RS are assigned to one of these three priority categories:

Priority I (assigned by AASD Program Management Guidelines)

Personnel identified for AASD Program Management and/or specifically identified by the USAF/SG for Priority I. Not included are permanently disqualified aircrew and/or former aviators who have cross-trained from aviation career duties

Priority II (assigned by Member's Commander)

Personnel whose routine military duties require wear of Night Vision Goggles (NVG), eye protection, or respiratory protection

This does not include nuclear biological chemical (NBC) masks worn only for deployment.

Priority III (assigned by Member's Commander)

Personnel who do not meet any of the above criteria in his/her current military duties.

[USAF RS Program Management Tool](#)